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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: OPPOSITION RES

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SUMMARY: MOFA IS NOT DISCOURAGED BY CONCILIATORY TONE OF OPPOSITION RESOLUTION BUT FEELS RESOLUTION CAN BE DEFEATED MORE EASILY IF OUR SIDE'S OWN RESOLUTION GETS PRIOR CONSIDERATION BY UNGA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN EXPRESSING HIS INITIAL REACTION TO THE OPPOSITION RESOLUTION ON KOREA, MOFA UN DIVISION CHIEF LEE SI YOUNG TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 12 THAT THE RESOLUTION APPEARS MORE RIGID THAN LAST YEAR'S ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. HE NOTED IN PARTICULAR THE PREAMBULARYREFERENCE TO UN ENTRY FOR KOREA AS A SINGLE STATE AND THE SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE UNC IN THE SECOND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, FEATURES WHICH LEAD MOFA TO BELIEVE THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL ATTRACT LESS SUPPORT THAN WOULD A MORE WATERED-DOWN VERSION. HOWEVER, LEE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RESOLUTION MAKES ITS POINTS IN CONCILIATORY
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LANGUAGE WHOSE APPEAL WILL BE HARD FOR MANY

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COUNTRIES TO RESIST.

2. MOFA REGARDS THE TIMING OF PRESENTATION OF THE TWO SIDES' RESOLUTION AS CRUCIAL. LEE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH OPERATIVE PARAS TWO AND THREE OF THE OPPOSITION RESOLUTION CAN BE DEFEATED, PARA ONE, CALLING FOR DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK, OBVIOUSLY ENJOYS GENERAL SUPPORT. ACCORDINGLY, IF THE OPPOSITION RESOLUTION WERE CONSIDERED FIRST, AT LEAST PARA ONE AND THEREFORE THE RESOLUTION WITH ITS PREAMBLE WOULD LIKELY BE PASSED. IN VIEW OF THAT PREAMBLE'S WORDING ON ENTRY, MOFA IS WORRIED THAT SUBSEQUENT PASSAGE OF OUR SIDE'S OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ON MEMBERSHIP FOR TWO KOREAS WOULD BE DIFFICULT. IN MOFA'S VIEW, THEREFORE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT OUR SIDE'S RESOLUTION BE CONSIDERED FIRST.

3. MOFA HAS INSTRUCTED ITS MISSION IN NEW YORK TO EXPLORE THOROUGHLY THE QUESTION OF TIMING AND TO GIVE PRIORITY TO GETTING OUR SIDE'S RESOLUTION TABLED, DEBATED AND VOTED ON BEFORE THE OPPOSITION RESOLUTION. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR TIMING, MOFA FEELS, CHANCES FOR DEFEAT OF THE OPPOSITION RESOLUTION AND PASSAGE OF OUR OWN WILL BE IMPROVED.
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